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### **UM SATURDAY ACADEMIES INTRODUCE SCIENCE TOPICS TO KIDS**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Lasers, forensic science and the brain are among the subjects that kids can explore at an upcoming Saturday Academy offered at The University of Montana.

Saturday Academies offer students in grades 5, 7 and 10 a hands-on look at what might await them in a science- or health-related career. The one-day, six-hour programs are open to Montana students from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds and who have an interest in the sciences. Qualifying students will receive a stipend, meal and reimbursement for travel expenses.

Presented by UM's Health Careers Opportunity Program, Saturday Academies are designed to pique students' interest in the sciences, enhance their academic experience and expose them to opportunities in the science and health professions. One of more than 200 programs across the country, UM's HCOP is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Each Saturday Academy runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the HCOP Web site at [www.umd.edu/hcop](http://www.umd.edu/hcop) or call Estella Archuleta Anderson, (406) 243-4029.

The Saturday Academy schedule for the upcoming school year includes:

- **Sept. 28 -- "The Plant Journey,"** for 10th graders.

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- **Oct. 12 -- "Lasers, Lights and Optical,"** for seventh graders.
- **Oct. 26 -- "Water Quality,"** for fifth graders.
- **Nov. 16 -- "Forensic Science,"** for 10th graders.
- **Dec. 7 -- "Investigating Cancer,"** for fifth graders.
- **Jan. 18 -- "The Brain,"** for seventh graders.

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